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PRIVATE FAMILY CAMPGROUND RULES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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Pursuant to Governor Ned Lamont's [Executive Order 7PP](#) and the Department of Economic and Community Development's (DECD) [Sector Rules for General Business](#), the Department of Public Health (DPH) provides the following rules and recommendations for private family campgrounds. For purposes of this document, private family campgrounds are family campgrounds other than state campgrounds.

RULES:

In addition to the DECD's [Sector Rules for General Business](#), including the requirement that private family campgrounds limit maximum occupancy to 50% of usual occupancy, DPH requires that private family campgrounds comply with the following rules:

1. **Public Areas.** All public areas, other than public bathrooms and showers, are required to remain closed. With respect to public pools, while they are required to remain closed, DPH requires that public pool owners implement their normally-scheduled pool start-up procedure as they would any other year, unless the pool is drained and the pool owner does not yet want to fill it with water. The owner of the public pool should continue running it 24/7 and ensure that the required minimum disinfection levels in the pool are maintained at all times to prevent the pool from becoming a breeding ground for bacteria and mosquitoes.
2. **20-Foot Separating Distance between Campsites.** The private family campground is required to ensure that there is at least 20 feet between each campsite. This may require that every other campsite be closed in order to maintain at least a 20-foot separating distance between each campsite.
3. Failure to follow the Sector Rules and other orders may result in losing the ability to operate.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

DPH recommends that private family campgrounds comply with the following:

1. **Remote Contact with Office Staff.** It is recommended that any contact with the private family campground's office be remote, if possible.



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2. Staffing. It is recommended that the owner of a private family campground hire sufficient staff to assure adherence with Governor Lamont's Executive Orders, including [Executive Order 7N](#), which prohibits social and recreational gatherings of 6 or more people, and DECD's guidance, including the [Sector Rules for General Business](#). Compliance, and enforcement should be the responsibility of the owner of the private family campground.
3. Best Practices Plan. It is recommended that a private family campground prepare and implement a COVID-19 best practices plan. Such best practices plan should include:
 - A. How the private family campground will ensure compliance by staff, campers and visitors with Governor Lamont's executive orders, including [Executive Order 7N](#), which prohibits social and recreational gatherings of 6 or more people, and [DECD guidance](#);
 - B. How the private family campground will address an outbreak of COVID-19 in such family campground; and
 - C. The private family campground's cleaning and disinfection protocols that incorporate the rules in the [Sector Rules for General Business](#).

If the private family campground prepares a best practices plan, it should make such plan available to any state or local official for inspection upon request.

4. Out-of-State Campers and Visitors. It is recommended that both individuals staying at the private family campgrounds and visitors to such campgrounds from out-of-state self-quarantine for 14 days.